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PARTIES ARE INVITED TO COMMENT ON PETITIONS FOR ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATIONS

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CC Docket No. 96-45

Release Date: May 21, 2004

Comment Date: 10 days from publication in the Federal Register

Reply Comment Date: 24 days from publication in the Federal Register

Interested parties are invited to comment on following petitions recently filed by certain wireless telecommunications carriers seeking designation as eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.¹

ETC Petitions	Date Filed
RCC Minnesota, Inc. and RCC Atlantic, Inc. (NH)	3/12/04
Manchester-Nashua Cellular Telephone, L.P., NH #1 Rural Cellular, Inc., USCOC of New Hampshire RSA #2, Inc. (NH)	4/13/04
USCOC of Virginia RSA #3, Inc., USCOC of Virginia RSA #2, Inc., Virginia RSA #4, Inc., Virginia RSA #7, Inc. Ohio State Cellular Telephone Company, Inc. and Charlottesville Cellular Partnership (VA)	4/13/04
Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. and American Cellular Corporation (NY) ²	5/10/04
Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. and American Cellular Corporation (NY) ³	5/3/04

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(6). We note that each of the carriers listed should provide a copy of their petition to the appropriate state regulatory commission. In addition, the Commission will send a copy of this Public Notice to the appropriate state regulatory commissions by overnight express mail to ensure that these commissions are notified of the notice and comment period.

² Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. and American Cellular Corporation (collectively, "Dobson") is seeking ETC designation in New York in two petitions. In its May 3, 2004 ETC petition, in addition to seeking ETC designation in non-rural local exchange carrier (LEC) service areas, Dobson seeks designation for rural incumbent LEC study areas that Dobson serves in their entirety. In its May 10, 2004 ETC petition, Dobson seeks designation only for rural incumbent LEC study areas that it partially serves.

³ See *id.*

ETC Petitions	Date Filed
AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. (FL)	5/6/04

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, comments are due no later than **10 days after publication of this Public Notice in the Federal Register** and reply comments are due no later than **24 days after publication of this Public Notice in the Federal Register**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁴ Parties should clearly specify in the caption of all filings the petition(s) to which the filing relates.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to <ecfs@fcc.gov>, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20054.

⁴ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

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